

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

OLD HARRIS & FILLER WHOLESALE HOUSE/BETTER HOMES

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

16-18 E. Patrick Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

COMMENTS: Victorian Gothic Structural-NO

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Design - Metal cornice

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

FH0 -436

CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This is a tall, three story brick commercial building detached on the left side and is six bays wide and five bays in depth with a full width, two story section of the same width and depth. There is also a one story frame extension. All brickwork is in common bond with the front facade in a painted, small pressed brick. There are star brace terminals on the exposed left wall and the rear end corner is rounded for delivery vehicle purposes and corbelled out again at the second story level. This building had been used by "Harris & Filler" for many years as a wholesale merchant. The first floor front has been altered considerably by large window areas of smaller panes and two entrances, all topped by a broad signplate with a cornice. The upper part of the front facade remains the same in its rich Victorian decor. Vertical brick pilasters adorned with square bosses in a floral motif and sections of reeding, accent the corners and center of the building. In between are sections of three windows, round arched on the second story and segmental arched on the third story. These have white stone sills and arches with keystones and joined together at the impost blocks. Below each third story window is a terra cotta recessed panel in a moulded floral design. Capping the front roofline is a very ornamental metal cornice topped by twin protruding pediments tipped by acroteria, ornamented by a row of scallops and with pairs of segmented designs in the infills. Below those is a row of closely spaced brackets with round bosses in a floral pattern in between. The painted frieze is topped by a band of spheres and ended by a band of brick corbelled dentils. There are large bracket forms topped by blocks surmounted by spheres on either side and at the center. All rear and side windows are of 6/6 sash with two row header segmental arches. On the alley side is an old delivery entrance of double doors with tongue and groove boards in a diagonal pattern and the doorway enframingent is of heavy metal. All roofing is of metal and slopes to the rear. The building rests on a low foundation of fieldstone.



See MHT file 53429

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
C1890 - Brinkman survey		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			
Victorian Gothic					

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This tall treasure of the Victorian era is one of several of similar degree of ornamentation in this block, but the designs are never repeated. This was a "skyscraper" of the 1890's. It blends well with the downtown architecture.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

DOUGLAS M. GREENE

ORGANIZATION

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

DATE

HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY of FREDERICK, MD. 21701

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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